REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration and entry of the present Amendment is respectfully

requested.

Claims 1-36 and 39 are allowed.

Claim 14 is amended herewith to correct informalities. The informalities were

uncovered in Applicant's post allowance review of the application and are being timely and

diligently corrected. In particular, Claim 14 is amended to clarify the feature being claimed

and eliminate repetitive terms. Claim 14 recited terms which are already recited in Claim 1,

and therefore must be deleted to prevent any indefinite issues. Moreover, these amendments

merely embody the correction of formal matters, and do not change the intended scope of the

claims.

The changes are consistent with Applicant's figures and specification, and is thus not

believed to raise a question of new matter. Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that

proposed amended Claim 14 is not believed to require additional search or examination

because the amendments merely clarify Applicant's invention.

In view of the prior indication of allowability, no further issues are outstanding, and

entry of the present Amendment is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested so

that the patent which issues from this application includes the presently submitted changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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